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Virtual Court Operations to Commence in Nassau County

Courts to Remain Open for Essential Proceedings

As part of the Unified Court System’s ongoing response to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Hon. Norman St. George, Administrative Judge for the 10th Judicial District—Nassau County announced that, effective April 1, 2020, all court operations in Nassau County will be conducted via SKYPE video conferencing. In making the announcement, Judge St. George noted that the effort was part of Chief Judge Janet DiFiore’s commitment to minimizing the number of courthouse contacts throughout New York State. Judge St. George said that “[t]he Courts in Nassau County have implemented many temporary measures to reduce courtroom traffic in order to ensure the well-being of our court employees and our court users. Conducting virtual court operations via SKYPE will continue to help us reach these goals and prevent the spread of the Coronavirus.”

On March 17, 2020, Judge St. George announced in an Administrative Order that, throughout Nassau County, non-essential court functions were postponed until April 30, 2020 and that all emergency and essential court functions were consolidated into the Nassau County

County Courthouse located at 262 Old County Road in Mineola. On April 1, 2020 Judge St. George issues an amendment to that Order permitting judges, criminal case defendants, civil litigants, attorneys, and some court staff to appear by video conference. A core team of essential courthouse staff, including court security, will remain in place at the County Courthouse to ensure that each court has the ability to intake papers, operate the SKYPE conferencing system, process orders, keep the court record, answer telephones and perform other essential court functions. In conjunction with the Supervising Judges and Chief Clerks of each court, Judge St. George has developed a set of Virtual Courtroom Protocols that apply to all categories of essential court functions. These protocols have been distributed to the various stakeholders in each court.

Judge St. George added that “[t]he courts will continue to adapt and change to meet the challenges presented by the Coronavirus pandemic” and that “it is important for citizens to know that the courts in Nassau County remain open for business with an emphasis on emergency and essential proceedings.”

Individuals with court-related questions are encouraged to call the court they are seeking to appear in:

District Court—Criminal:	516-493-4201
District Court—Civil:	516-493-4113
County Court:	516-493-3690
Surrogate’s Court:	516-493-3805
Family Court:	516-493-3900
Supreme Court and Matrimonial Center:	516-493-3401

Additional information can also be found on the 10th Judicial District—Nassau County’s main website (<http://ww2.nycourts.gov/COURTS/10JD/nassau/index.shtml>).